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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2843**
Michio ISHIBASHI : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0275A
Serial No. 10/527,216 : Group Art Unit 4173
Filed April 21, 2005 : Examiner Samira Jean-Louis
PHARMACEUTICALS OR COSMETICS : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 12, 2007, constituting a requirement for restriction between Groups (I)-(VI), Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), claim 16.

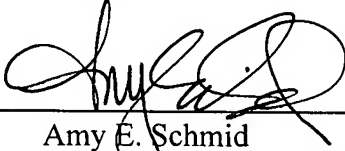
Applicant notes that the Examiner states that claim 16 is drawn to a method for screening a compound which is able to prevent, mitigate, or treat only renal glomerular lesions. However, claim 16 is actually drawn to a method for screening a compound which is able to prevent, mitigate, or treat glomerular lesions, lesions of pancreatic islets of Langerhans or epidermal lesions. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner examine the full scope of claim 16.

This election is made while reserving Applicant's right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of Groups (II)-(VI).

Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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